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MARITIME UNIVERSITY IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government to establish a Maritime University in view of the large scale port development and shipping activities taking place in the State;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal; and

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (c): The Government of India received requests from some State Governments including that of Gujarat for setting up of Maritime Universities in their States. The Indian Maritime University Bill, 2007 was introduced in Lok Sabha on 13.3.2007. The Bill envisages that the headquarters of the University shall be at Chennai with its campuses at Mumbai, Kolkata, Vishakhapatnam and such other places within its jurisdiction as it may deem fit. The Bill now has been referred to Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture for examination.